

TACOMA'S MAYOR POINTS TO NEED FOR TRAINED MEN IN DOING CITY'S WORK

No. 3 in Series of Letters From Mainland Municipalities Is by Mayor Fawcett of Tacoma, Wash.—City Government Is a Special Vocation Requiring Special Experience, He Declares—Suggestions Are Timely for Honolulu's Convention

The Star-Bulletin publishes below No. 3 in the series of letters from mainland mayors and other city officials upon model city charters. The letters are the result of a country-wide inquiry directed by the Star-Bulletin, to secure the experiences of mainland cities as suggestions for the charter revision convention which meets next month to revise Honolulu's charter.

The letters previously published have been:
No. 1. From Mayor Albee of Portland, Oregon.
No. 2. From Mayor Fassett of Spokane, Wash.

No. 3 is from Mayor A. V. Fawcett of Tacoma, Washington. Tacoma has had five years of commission government. The beneficial results are shown in the letter below, sent by the mayor through his secretary, Harold K. Rockhill.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 2, 1915.
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Honolulu.

Sir:—Tacoma's government in five years has shown some weak spots. The mayor, while looked to by the people largely for results, really has little power under our charter. Instead of having a "commission" government we really have five little commissioners, each one showing a disposition "to go it alone" and run his own department. Efficiency has therefore not reached the height expected and most students of government here I think view our experiment as a step in an evolution looking toward a manager plan as the ultimate goal.

The era of graft, ring rule and government for private gain seems to be passing and a new day dawning in which efficiency is the watchword. But the people are groping for a way to the desired goal. Their mistakes are largely due to the fact that they have failed to realize that government is a profession, much more complicated and exacting than has been thought. As long as hope is based on some scheme by which we try to get "big business" men to take office because they have made a "success" of their own affairs we are doomed to disappointment.

Trained Men Needed.
The business man is a universal factor in a public servant. He has been thinking in terms of private business and has had no time for thinking out governmental problems and there are more angles to governmental than business problems. If we have to take our public servants from the secular ranks it would be better to pass over the great "business" men and select what are usually called "cranks," "faddists," "hobby riders"—men who have been studying government and have thought out some of its problems.

In other words, what is needed today is experts in government. Any plan will be good that will put experts in charge. The manager plan seems to offer the best chance for this at the present time. Both the present mayor and his predecessor who have served under the Tacoma commission plan are ardent advocates today of the manager plan. One great difficulty in American civic life is a lack of real experts who are known. Until we can have great universities turning out municipal experts like they do engineers or attorneys there will have to be considerable experimenting.

Civil Service Should be General.
For subordinate positions generally there should be civil service. Tacoma's most glaring inefficiency in public service today is in those places that have not been put under the civil service.

The initiative, referendum and re-

"ROBINSON CRUSOE OF SOUTH SEAS" AGE 83. TAKES HANDSOME WIFE

A special cable to the New York World from England states that Louis de Rougemont, explorer, who is 83 years old, was married in London to Miss Thirza Cooper, a handsome brunette.

Mme. de Rougemont described herself as a "financial agent and teacher of languages."

She met de Rougemont first when doing translating for him, it is said. Knowing him well now, she declares, he has been misunderstood greatly.

Louis de Rougemont, whom some call Count, earned the title of "Robinson Crusoe of the South Seas." He returned to London from Australia some 17 years ago with most extraordinary tales of adventure and discovery: of cannibals, mysterious islands and buried treasures. He lectured before scientific and geographical societies. When anyone contradicted him his retort was, in effect:

"I have proved what I say, now you prove what you say."

It was reported recently that de Rougemont was organizing an Antarctic expedition and that Sir Richard Lucas Toth, an Australian millionaire, had guaranteed him \$250,000 for the purpose.

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GALVESTON IS THREATENED BY HURRICANE AND FLOOD

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]
GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 16.—Galveston is threatened with another disastrous flood, due to the wind piling the gulf seas in upon the low lands. A 62-mile an hour wind is blowing in from the Gulf and driving the water over the lower part of the city.

The breakwater, built after the disaster a number of years ago, appears to be holding well.

Many people are leaving the city. Two women and three men, trapped at Sabine, are in danger. They refused to flee with the rest of the inhabitants before water covered the railroad tracks.

Port Bolivar, Caplen and Rollover, all populous resorts, are reported submerged. A train has been sent to Port O'Connor to rescue refugees there.

China's President is Thinking of Ending Republic, Becoming Emperor

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]
PEKING, China, Aug. 16.—President Yuan Shih-Kai of China is considering proclaiming himself emperor and doing away with the republic. President Goodnow, president of Johns Hopkins University and the official adviser who is now here, is quoted as saying that "a monarchy would be better for China. Conditions here are not the same as in America and it is impossible to transplant republican institutions to this country."

The change is planned in two years.

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FAMILY FRIEND MURDERS WOMAN AND KILLS SELF

Kamada, Supposedly Prompted by Jealousy, Fires Three Shots at Mrs. Murakami

Insane jealousy is supposed to have prompted a double tragedy of murder and suicide in Honolulu today. Shortly after 9 o'clock this morning, K. Kamada, a Japanese, fired three shots at a Japanese woman named H. Murakami, all of which took effect. The man then placed the muzzle of the gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger. Both died almost instantly.

The affair took place in a little store on Punchbowl street below Halekani, owned by the husband of the murdered woman. The gun used by Kamada was a revolver of small caliber, and the shot which he killed himself with literally tore off the top of his head. The first shot which he fired at the woman struck her in the right arm near the shoulder. The second struck her over the right breast, and the third, from which death probably resulted, struck her on the right of the torso.

Aside from the man and woman, there was no one on the premises at the time of the shooting. The shots were heard by neighbors, who summoned the police. Motorcycle Officer Henry Huestace answered the call, and found the bodies of the man and woman lying on the floor of the store. The ambulance was summoned and the bodies were removed to the morgue.

A post mortem examination was to be held this afternoon by Dr. A. N. Sinclair.

The husband of the murdered woman could give the police no reason for the affair, except that Kamada might have been jealous of the woman. Kamada, he said, had been a friend of the family for more than four years, and he had never made any trouble or displayed any indication that he was jealous.

Kamada was employed off and on at a sake brewery in Kakaako. The husband of the murdered woman was janitor for the Magoon block.

Murakami told the police that Kamada, when not working, was in the habit of sitting around the store in Punchbowl street and talking with the woman whom he shot today. Murakami owned the store, he said, and was forced to be away from home all day. His wife attended the store. Although he believes it might have been due to jealousy, Murakami was unable to supply the police definitely with a motive for the crime.

Kamada was about 38 years old. The murdered woman was 30 years old. She had no children.

BASEBALL RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 5, Boston 0.
At Brooklyn—New York 2, Brooklyn 1.
At Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At New York—Philadelphia 2, New York 0.
At Boston—Boston 1, Washington 0.
At St. Louis—Chicago 8, St. Louis 4.
At Cleveland—First game, Detroit 6, Cleveland 2; second game, Detroit 3, Cleveland 1.

HAWAII CAMPS SCENES OF TWO FATAL SHOOTINGS

Spaniard and Japanese Kill Adversaries in Trivial Quarrels

[Special Star-Bulletin Wireless]
HILO, Aug. 15.—In a row over some chickens a Spaniard shot and killed a Portuguese at Naalehu yesterday. The Spaniard defied efforts to capture him. He shot at a captain of police but missed the officer, and then took to the cane fields. A posse of officers is trying to surround the man now.

Another murder case is reported from the Kona district. There a Japanese killed a countryman. No details are at hand.

U. C. PRESIDENT FOR COMPULSORY MILITARY WORK

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 16.—President Wheeler of the University of California in an address today advocated strongly military preparedness for students.

"America will ultimately adopt compulsory training," he said. "The country is imperiled despite the oceans on each side of it."

MIDDY DIES ON OHIO OF SPINAL MENINGITIS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 16.—W. L. McCarthy of Danville, Ky., a midshipman from Annapolis who is here on the warship cruise, died on the battleship Ohio Sunday. It is announced that death was due to spinal meningitis.

The Missouri and Wisconsin are here for practice.

DIAMOND STARS FROM JAPAN IN ON SHINYO

Shouting their college yell, much after the manner of an American university athletic squad, the baseball team from Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan, arrived at 2 o'clock this afternoon on the steamer Shinyo Maru. At the dock a reception committee consisting of M. Kikokawa, chairman, and I. Onodera, K. Narayama and K. Yasumori took charge of the visitors.

The Meiji ball team have been consistent winners in Japan this year and rank with the three strongest teams among the Japanese colleges, the other two being Waseda and Keio. Fresh from many victories at home, the Meiji team expects to make a strong showing here, and will begin their series of games next Saturday.

AMBASSADOR TO CHINA COMING ON MONGOLIA

[Special Cable to Nippon Jiji.]
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 16.—Ambassador and Mrs. G. W. Guthrie arrived here on Saturday. They will stay in San Francisco 10 days, sailing on the Mongolia August 25, for Japan.

BALKANS BARGAINING FOR WAR

MANY AMERICANS DIE UNDER GEN. BROOKE



Maj. gen. Brooke, commander of the Canadian forces in France.

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 15.—Names and statistics made public by the military authorities show that there are 2000 American soldiers fighting with the Canadian army. Of these about 100 have been killed in action. Some of them were West Pointers.

U. S. CAVALRYMEN SHOOT AND STOP BANDIT MEXICANS

Reported Outlaws May Reorganize and Try Another "Invasion"

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 16.—American cavalrymen today made quick answer to the dangerous firing of Mexican guerrillas across the river at Progress. They returned the fire. No casualties have been reported. It is reported that the bandits are attempting a reorganization of forces and may try to make further raids on the American side.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—The battleships Louisiana and New Hampshire have been ordered to Vera Cruz to replace the gunboat Marietta, and the Sacramento, due at New Orleans.

NEW MINISTER IS NAMED FOR SANTO DOMINGO

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—W. Russell has been appointed by the president as minister to Santo Domingo, taking the place vacated by the resignation of James M. Sullivan. Sullivan's conduct in office was investigated by the administration and he was found to be temperamentally unfit for the office.

TWO MARINES LOST AS BATTLESHIP STRUGGLES IN ATLANTIC HURRICANE

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—The battleship New Hampshire reports having been in a hurricane south of Florida. Two marines were lost overboard and their bodies could not be recovered. The warship suffered no damage.

SPRECKELS YACHT TO REACH HERE TOMORROW WITH NOTABLE PARTY

[Special Star-Bulletin Wireless]
HILO, Aug. 16.—John D. Spreckels' private yacht, the Venetia, will arrive in Honolulu at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. The party is at Hakalau today.

COL. PERKINS NAMED TO MARINE COMMAND

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—Col. C. M. Perkins, marine corps, has been assigned to the command of the marine barracks at Puget Sound.

Leslie P. Scott, second deputy in the attorney-general's office, leaves tomorrow for a vacation on the island of Kauai.

BULGARIA WANTS TERRITORY HELD BY GREECE; MILITARY PARTY IN LATTER UPPERMOST

Adherent of Ex-Premier Venizelos Elected President of Chamber of Deputies—Germans Continue Advance in Russia. Closing in on Brest Litovsk—Many Prisoners Taken Near Kovno—Petrograd Optimistic, as Result of Heavy German Losses—German Powder Plant in Pennsylvania Blown Up

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 16.—With the opening of the Greek and Bulgarian parliaments today comes the probability that within a short time there will be important political changes in connection with the war, which may result in throwing one or more of the Balkan states into the fray on the side of the Entente Powers.

It is expected that Serbia will seek a compromise by which Bulgaria will enter the war with the Allies in exchange for some territory taken by Serbia in the second Balkan conflict. Bulgaria also wants several portions of Macedonia, which was won from Turkey by Greece in the Balkan fray, but Greece now rejects all the Bulgarian demands.

The ministers of the Allies, under instructions from their home governments, are hard at work seeking to effect an arrangement that will secure the participation of Greece, Bulgaria and Rumania on their side.

German Armies Close in on Second Russian Defenses at Brest Litovsk

BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 16.—Victorious in fighting their way forward from Warsaw toward the second line of defense, the German armies are now closing in on Brest Litovsk, the series of fortifications which is held to be the key to the road to Petrograd.

Prince Leopold, commanding the crack Bavarian troops, has captured Loayce and Miedurzec. Gen. von Mackensen, somewhat further south, has marched triumphantly on both sides of the river Bug, and taken Giala and Slawatyn.

In the fighting around Kovno, where the Germans are beginning a terrific bombardment, 7000 prisoners have been taken.

Russian Officials More Optimistic

PETROGRAD, Russia, Aug. 16.—Russian officials are optimistic today, even though the Russian armies have been pushed back and back by the Austro-German forces. The Russian generals and military observers feel that the Germans will not long be able to sustain the tremendous cost of their campaign in soldiers and equipment.

American Dollar Now Standard Coin

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 16.—War conditions have brought the American dollar to the position of the world's standard coin today. The English pound now rates as \$4.64, a material drop in the last few months, and the lowest on record. French francs are going at 16 2-3 cents.

The drop in foreign exchange is ascribed to the demand of American manufacturers for pay for their exports. A late rally had raised the pound to \$4.67.

German Powder Plant is Blown Up

GROVE RUN, Pennsylvania, Aug. 16.—Five workmen were killed today when a German plant, the Actus Explosive Company, was blown to pieces. The whole country roundabout was shaken by the terrific concussion. No cause for the explosion has yet been found by the authorities. It is said that the firm has been engaged in making war munitions.

War Party Man Wins Greek Position

ATHENS, Greece, Aug. 16.—The Greek chamber of deputies met today. The strength of the war party, which won the last elections, was shown when M. Zavitsanos, an adherent of Ex-Premier Venizelos, was elected president. Venizelos was in favor of Greece's joining the Allies, but King Constantine insisted on neutrality and Venizelos was retired.

Norwegian Steamer is Torpedoed

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 16.—The Norwegian steamer Abia was today added to the list of those sunk by German submarines.

Asiatic Cholera in Wurttemberg

GENEVA, Switzerland, Aug. 16.—The dreaded Asiatic cholera has made its appearance at Cannstadt, Wurttemberg, Germany. A German soldier brought the disease from Gallipoli.

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 16.—The towns Parton, Harrington and Whitehaven have been bombarded by a German submarine. Small fires were caused by the exploding shells but no casualties are reported.